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TO: COUNCIL CHAIR ERNEST Y. MARTIN
HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER JOEY MANAHAN 

SUBJECT: Travel Report on NACo 2015 Large Urban County Caucus, Low Income Housing Institute and Urban Rest Stop Site Visits, SoundTransit Site Visit, Woodland Park Zoo Site Visit

For your information, attached is a travel report summarizing my trip to Seattle, Washington from 28 September 2015 to 4 October 2015.

If you have any questions regarding the report, you may call me at extension 85007 or email jmanahan@honolulu.gov.

Thank you for your consideration.

Travel Report

NACo Large Urban County Caucus; Urban Rest Stop Site Visits and Meetings; Sound Transit Site Visit; Woodland Park Zoo Site Visit Seattle, Washington

I had the opportunity to participate in the National Association of Counties' Large Urban County Caucus Innovation Symposium that was held in Seattle, Washington from September 30, 2015 to October 2, 2015.

While I was in Seattle for the conference, I was able to visit and meet with officials at the Urban Rest Stop and the Low Income Housing Institute, which runs the Urban Rest Stops. One day, I even had the opportunity to visit and tour with the Low Income Housing Institute a tent city with tiny homes called Nickelsville.

I was also given the opportunity to be toured around Seattle's Light Rail systems by the Director of Sound Transit, Mr. Paul Denison.

Along with the conference, those site visits and meetings, I also got the chance to meet with the Woodland Park Zoo's officials to discuss their best practices.

NACo's Large Urban County Caucus – 30 September 2015 – 2 October 2015

The Large Urban County Caucus for 2015 held a "Safe and Secure Counties" Innovation Symposium at The Westin Seattle. The symposium was held in recognition that strong economies are the building blocks of safe and secure counties.

The symposium planned dynamic sessions that delved into the shifting geographies of poverty and inequality to better understand the barriers to our counties' economic vitality. The Large Urban County Caucus worked together to unpack smart new solutions that are already being pioneered by counties apart of the Large Urban County Caucus that are creating opportunity for our children, families, and communities.

Some of the topics that were discussed were: The Changing Geography of Poverty; Innovating Locally to Confront Poverty; From Childhood Poverty to Income Opportunities; County Policies and Practices to Protect Children and Promote Healthy Development; and Safe and Secure Counties.

The symposium also challenged attendees by their dynamic speakers and presenters who encouraged participants to actively engage in peer-to-peer discussions, soak up all that Seattle and King County had to offer and encouraged participants to take those lessons back to their home counties refreshed, energized, and inspired to lead – and to serve.

Low Income Housing Institute's Site Visits and Meeting – 29 September 2015 & 1 October 2015

Prior to going on my trip to Seattle, I was honored to be invited by the Low Income Housing Institute to speak on the importance of hygiene centers to solving the homelessness crisis at the opening of Seattle's third Urban Rest Stop in Ballard on October 1, 2015.

I was joined by members of the Seattle City Council and officials from the State of Washington as well as members of the community.

Along with speaking at the opening of the Ballard Urban Rest Stop, I was given a tour on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 of the Low Income Housing Institute's housing projects all over the City of Seattle which addresses homelessness at many levels from temporary encampments, tiny houses, as well as affordable workforce housing, affordable senior rentals, and even student housing in addition to shelters for the chronically homeless.

Sound Transit Site Visit – 30 September 2015

On Wednesday, September 30, I was able to have the opportunity to be toured through the Light Rail system in Seattle and their operations room and different stations by the Director of the Light Rail Operations of Sound Transit in Seattle, along with his Rail Superintendent, Josh Clark.

The group I was touring with met at Seattle's Union Station. The Union Station is also where the Sound Transit headquarters is located. After meeting at the Union Station, the group and I rode the Light Rail to the airport. There, we were allotted time to visit the Light Rail and Transit Control Center. The Light Rail and Transit Control Center where both bus and rail operations are controlled from. After visiting there, they also stopped at Mount Baker station where the latest TOD was built. Then, we went back to the airport station for a look at the back of the station. Finally, we rode on the Light Rail back to the Union Station.

Woodland Park Zoo Site Visit – 3 October 2015

After the conference, on Saturday, October 3rd, I had the opportunity to visit the Woodland Park Zoo of Seattle. Councilmember Trevor Ozawa arranged for myself and him to meet with the CEO of the Woodland Park Zoo to learn the best practices for increasing the zoo revenues for our own Honolulu Zoo.

At the zoo, we were briefed on policies and guidelines that Seattle has adopted in order to fund improvements as well as maintain their own zoo. The CEO of the zoo, Mr. Bruce Bohmke, is also a member of the national zoo accreditation board that gives Honolulu Zoo its accreditation, as well.

Conclusion:

I am honored to participate in this year's NACo Large Urban County Caucus conference. It was especially wonderful to be able to tour around the city of Seattle through the many site visits and meetings, from its rail system to their beautiful zoo, and how they deal with their homeless situation in Seattle.

Through meeting the many officials in transportation, parks, and housing and homelessness, I really hope to be able to learn more and implement Seattle's best practices and policies for the success of the City and County of Honolulu's issues in transportation, parks, and housing and homelessness.



NACo's Large Urban County Caucus Chair Emeritus Ron Simms was honored by the 2nd Vice-President Roy Brooks.



King County's Localscape program integrates census data with the County's assessment data.



Seattle's Sound Transit Control Center monitors all light rail and bus activity for the City's mass transit system.



Again at the Open House for the Urban Rest Stop with Councilmember Ozawa and the Low Income Housing Institute director Mrs. Sharon Lee.



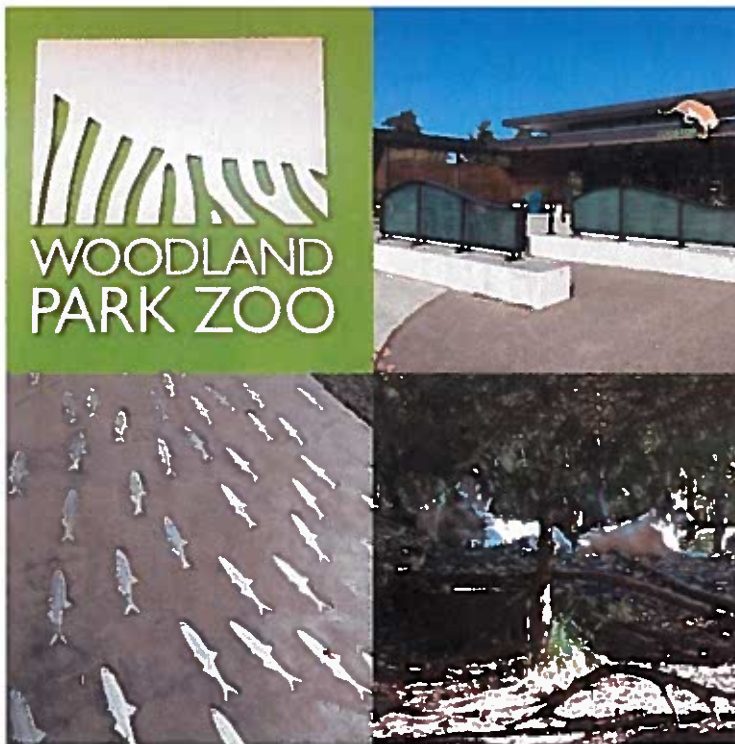
Urban Rest Stop Open House



Touring around Low Income Housing Institute's homeless projects from Tiny Houses to Urban Rest Stops. There's more than one way to help the homeless!



At the opening of the new Ballard Urban Rest Stop where I got to be a guest speaker. Next stop, Honolulu!



Beautiful infrastructure at Woodland Park Zoo where Councilmember Ozawa and I got to meet CEO and President Bruce Bohmke.

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CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: 12 October 2015

Traveler: Joey Manahan

Event: ²⁰¹⁵ NACo LUCC, URS Visit, SoundTransit Visit, Zoo Visit *Innovation Symposium*

Location: Seattle, Washington

Dates: From ~~28~~ ³⁰ September 2015

To ~~2~~ ² October 2015

Description	Amount	Notes:
1. Registration Fee		
2. Airfare		
3. Hotel		
4. Meals	328.95 ^{207.56} 244.02	
5. Ground Transportation	201.88 ^{199.88} 211.14	Ground transportation to meetings, site visits, LUCC
6. Tips	34.22	
7. Other	13.52	Delivery charge
Other		
Other		
8. Adjustment	(5.00)	
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT	526.69 ^{455.16} 450.16	

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This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment.

Signature of Traveler

Date

12 October 2015